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FOR VEST AND AGGREY FROM LUERS

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I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH BOTH FRANK WEIL AND UNDERSECRETARY
OF COMMERCE HARMAN THE QUESTION OF U.S. CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-ROMANIAN
ECONOMIC COMMISSION. UNFORTUNATELY, COMMERCE IS SIMPLY
NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME FORMALLY TO OFFER
EITHER SECRETARY KREPS NEXT SPRING OR HARMAN THIS FALL.
NEVERTHELESS, THEY AGREE THAT GEORGE SHOULD GIVE
THE GOR OUR CURRENT THINKING ON AN INFORMAL, "PERSONAL"
BASIS. BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS, I SUGGEST THAT GEORGE:
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SECRETARY KREPS IS UNABLE TO GO
TO ROMANIA THIS YEAR; INDICATE THAT WE THINK IT LIKELY
SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHAIR A COMMISSION MEETING SOME TIME
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NEXT SPRING; AND SUGGEST THAT UNDERSECRETARY HARMAN --
WHO ESTABLISHED GOOD RAPPORT WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
THIS PAST APRIL -- WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE TO HEAD
THE U.S. DELEGATION IN A MEETING THIS FALL. IF THE
ROMANIANS ARE RECEPTIVE TO THIS LAST SUGGESTION, GEORGE
COULD OFFER TO "CONVINCE" HARMAN OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
MEETING AND PROMISE TO GET BACK TO THE ROMANIANS WITH A

FIRM ANSWER THROUGH AMBASSADOR AGGREY. VANCE

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